

love for our country is evident in his patriotic service and diligence in protecting and defending it. He is one-of-a-kind.

SUPPORTING H.R. 8025, TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 100 SOUTH 1ST STREET IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AS THE MARTIN OLAV SABO POST OFFICE

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 8025, which designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 100 South Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota as the "Martin Olav Sabo Post Office."

Congressman Martin Sabo's public life began 45 years ago when he was elected to the Minnesota State House of Representatives at the young age of 22. He went on to serve with distinction as both House Speaker and minority leader until his election to Congress in 1978. Congressman Sabo served the people of Minnesota for 28 years in the house, retiring in 2006. His Chairmanship of the House Budget Committee in the 1990s set the country on a course that resulted in a federal budget surplus. While serving on the esteemed House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Sabo's astute ability to direct federal funds to key infrastructure projects, like light rail transit, transformed Minneapolis, positioning the Twin Cities for the 21st Century.

It was my profound honor to serve with Martin Sabo as a colleague in the U.S. House. Congressman Sabo was liberal, smart, and his values reflected the very best of Minnesota's traditions and heritage. Congressman Sabo was reserved and quiet Norwegian, but when he spoke the room went silent because everyone knew something worth hearing was about to be said. This made him a giant as a legislator and public servant in both the Minnesota Legislature and Congress. I will always remember Martin as the kindest of souls and one of the most effective and wise public servants I've ever known.

I want to thank Rep. ILHAN OMAR for sponsoring this piece of legislation that pays tribute to a dedicated public servant, wonderful human being, and dear friend and mentor.

CONGRATULATING GARY BIRSCHBACH

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Gary Birschbach. Gary will be recognized as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scouts of America. This yearly award honors a person who represents the spirit and the values of Scouting throughout the community.

Gary has been involved with Scouting for over 50 years. All 4 of his sons are Eagle

Scouts, with Kevin currently serving as a Cub Scout Leader, and Andy having served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader for 8 years. As someone that truly embodies the cornerstones of the Scout's Oath and Law, Gary is a community leader that Decatur is so fortunate to call its own.

As an owner of several McDonald's restaurants, Gary has had outstanding success in the restaurant business. His work at McDonald's first began 53 years ago when he joined as a crew member until eventually working his way up to becoming the owner of his first location.

Gary has also gone far beyond that success through his generous work of helping others in the community. Gary serves on several boards, sponsors many community events, and has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in tuition assistance through the McDonald's Archways program. This year, Gary and his team celebrated hitting the \$500,000 milestone in awards to their employees. Gary's contribution to the program has helped over 250 current and former employees attend college, earn a trade, or high school diploma.

I am thankful to have Gary in the community and know central Illinois is a better place because of him. I commend Gary on this prestigious award and know he will continue doing such needed and very appreciated work for the community. Congratulations, Gary.

HONORING SUPERVISOR BRAD WAGENKNECHT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa County Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht in honor of his service to our community upon his retirement.

Mr. Wagenknecht grew up in the Browns Valley area of Napa and graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Elementary Education in 1977. After college, Mr. Wagenknecht began his career as a school teacher with the Napa Unified School District where he has often been instrumental in supporting children with emotional challenges.

In 1984, Mr. Wagenknecht was elected to the Napa City Council and despite the many responsibilities of a life in public office, including a term as Mayor, he has continued to teach to this day. Mr. Wagenknecht was elected to represent the First District on the Napa County Board of Supervisors in 1998.

For more than two decades on the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Wagenknecht has made immeasurable contributions to environmental preservation. He helped gain support from Napa County to join Marin Clean Energy, instituted urban growth boundaries that limit the city's carbon footprint and increased funding for the Napa Open Space District. Mr. Wagenknecht has supported numerous local organizations including the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Napa County Children and Families Commission, the California State Association of Counties

and the Area Agency on Aging. In the face of unprecedented challenges such as the 2015 Napa Earthquake, 2017 Northern California wildfires, 2020 LNU Lightning Complex fires and the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mr. Wagenknecht remained resolute in his commitment to help Napa County rebuild and recover.

Mr. Wagenknecht has brought about significant policies to support the arts, libraries, education, youth opportunities, social justice and mental health. He has been dedicated to working with his community and hearing their concerns, holding frequent office hours whenever and wherever he could. As a lifelong athlete who runs 300 days a year, Mr. Wagenknecht has encouraged local sporting events and organizes the annual Napa County basketball game. He is a proud husband to his wife Kathy, father of five and grandfather of one.

Madam Speaker, we thank Supervisor Wagenknecht for his decades of selfless service and commitment to the people of Napa County. His efforts have made our county a more welcoming, green and enjoyable place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE TO RUDOLPH CORDERO AND WAYNE A. GUTHER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Rudolph Cordero and Wayne A. Guthrie, graduates of Operation Recognition Class of 2022. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who were unable to complete high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or due to internment in World War II Japanese-American relocation camps. Operation Recognition provides a way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

Born on November 26, 1947, Rudolph Cordero attended Garfield High School in Los Angeles for three years. Answering the call to serve his country, Rudolph enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served in the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1968 as a Hawk System mechanical repairman. He earned a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. Rudolph was honorably discharged in 1968 and began his career as a butcher.

Wayne Guthrie was born on September 1, 1953. He attended Cleveland Heights High School in Ohio from 1968 through 1972, prior to enlisting in the United States Navy. Wayne served in the Vietnam War from 1974 to 1975 as an aviation machinist and a Training Air and Administration of the Reserves. He earned two Navy Achievement Medals, four Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Ribbon, and a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Wayne was honorably discharged in 1994 after 20 years of service and began his career as a computer technician.